offshore drilling contract to Jagson International Private Ltd., New Delhi

1280 SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: SHRI VIREN J. SHAH.

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state·

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to a news-item which appeared in the Economic Times, Bombay, dated December 17, 1990, alleging that ONGC has given an offshore drilling contract to Jagson International Private Ltd, New Delhi, bypassing the norms, and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA)· (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) ONGC had decided in November, 1990 to extend the contract with M/s Jagson International Ltd for charter hire of two jack up rigs for a further period of one year subject to the condition that the joint venture agreement of M|s. Jagson International Ltd. with M|s. Odebrecht, Brazil is valid. Since a confirmation of the validity of the joint venture agreement was taking time and the wells under drilling by these rigs were getting completed, ONGC had decided to extend the contract for charter hire of these two rigs for one additional well each, pending confirmation of the validity of the joint venture agreement

Suggestion cards placed in Indian Air-

1281. SHRI JOHN F FERNANDES: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state

(a) whether the suggestion cards placed in the Indian Airlines planes are attended to, as and when the passengers lodge any complaint,

(b) whether any follow up action was taken and the concerned complainant informed; and

(c) how many such complaints were received from Members of Parliament during the year 1990 and how many such complaints were acknowledged?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARMOHAN DHAWAN) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. All suggestion cards are acknowledged on receipt. If the suggestion is found feasible, it is implemented and the passenger is informed about it.

(c) During 1990, 16 suggestion cards were received from the Members of Parliament and all were acknowledged

Restrictions imposed by Goa Government on LPG tankers

1282. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government are aware of restrictions put by Goa Government (R.T.O.) on plying of large L P.G tankers to Goa by road as a result of which the consumers have to face problems of shortage of LPG in Goa;

(b) whether Government are also aware that such large tankers containing other chemicals and acids are permitted; and

(c) whether the Central Government will issue directives to the State Government to stop this arbitrary decision and permit such large LPG tankers in Goa?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA)· (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.